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SUBJECT: UAE CENTRAL BANK STILL WILLING TO TRAIN IRAQ FIU

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1. (U) On June 21, 2007 OFAC Attache and Treasury Representative Erin English met with Abdulrahim Al Awadi, Head of the Anti-Money Laundering and Suspicious Cases Unit (AMLSCU), the financial intelligence unit (FIU) of the UAE Central Bank. Mr. English, who was recently stationed in Baghdad, reported that the Iraqi FIU is still in its formative stages and in need of training. Al Awadi reiterated (Reftel) that the UAE Central Bank has a firm commitment to support Iraq and will train the Iraqi FIU in the UAE, or Jordan. The Central Bank would pay for accommodations and other costs associated with the training.

2. (SBU) Al Awadi also expressed concern that the Iraq FIU must be a unified institution and cannot be fragmented between Baghdad, Basra and Kurdistan. The FIU cannot be a political institution and under Egmont rules there can only be one FIU per country. Despite the Iraqi FIU not being an internationally recognized FIU, Al Awadi said the UAE was willing to informally take and respond to requests from the Iraqi FIU.
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